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Applicant: John C. Mitchell et al.

Examiner: T. Smits

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Title: **DATA PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 6, 1997, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified patent application.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from November 6, 1997, to February 6, 1998.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 57-62 without prejudice, and amend the claims as follows:

1. [Once Amended] Data processing apparatus comprising:

input means for receiving recognition data [and corresponding audio data] from a speech recognition engine and corresponding audio data, said recognition data including a string of recognised [characters] words and audio identifiers identifying audio components corresponding to each [a character component of the] recognised word [characters];

storage means for storing said audio data received from said input means;

[processing] interface application program means comprising means for receiving [and processing] the input recognised words, means for placing the recognised words into positions in text in a processing application program means to allow the processing of the recognised words to change the positions of [characters to at least one of replace, insert move and position] the recognised [characters] words to form a processed [character] word string[;], means for

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